

## CHAPTER 2020-91

### Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 7011

An act relating to student athletes; providing a short title; amending s. 1006.165, F.S.; revising requirements for the availability of automated external defibrillators on school grounds; revising training requirements for certain individuals related to cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of automated external defibrillators; requiring that an individual with specified training be present at certain athletic activities; providing notification requirements for the locations of specified automated external defibrillators; requiring the Florida High School Athletic Association to establish certain requirements relating to student athlete safety; requiring certain individuals to complete specified training annually; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; revising requirements for a specified medical evaluation; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the “Zachary Martin Act.”

Section 2. Section 1006.165, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1006.165 Wellbeing of students participating in extracurricular activities ~~Automated external defibrillator; user training.~~—

(1)(a) Each public school that is a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) must have an operational automated external defibrillator on the school grounds. The defibrillator must be available in a clearly marked and publicized location for each athletic contest, practice, workout, or conditioning session, including those conducted outside of the school year. Public and private partnerships are encouraged to cover the cost associated with the purchase and placement of the defibrillator and training in the use of the defibrillator.

(b)(2) Beginning June 1, 2021, a school employee or volunteer with current training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of a defibrillator must be present at each athletic event during and outside of the school year, including athletic contests, practices, workouts, and conditioning sessions. The training must include ~~Each school must ensure that all employees or volunteers who are reasonably expected to use the device obtain appropriate training, including~~ completion of a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or a basic first aid course that includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, and demonstrated proficiency in the use of ~~a an automated external~~ defibrillator. Each employee or volunteer who is reasonably expected to use a defibrillator must complete this training.

(c)(3) The location of each ~~automated external~~ defibrillator must be registered with a local emergency medical services medical director. Each

employee or volunteer required to complete the training under paragraph (b) must annually be notified in writing of the location of each defibrillator on school grounds.

(d)(4) The use of ~~automated~~ external defibrillators by employees and volunteers is covered under ss. 768.13 and 768.1325.

(2)(a) In order to better protect student athletes participating in athletics during hot weather and avoid preventable injury or death, the FHSAA shall:

1. Make training and resources available to each member school for the effective monitoring of heat stress.

2. Establish guidelines for monitoring heat stress and identify heat stress levels at which a school must make a cooling zone available for each outdoor athletic contest, practice, workout, or conditioning session. Heat stress must be determined by measuring the ambient temperature, humidity, wind speed, sun angle, and cloud cover at the site of the athletic activity.

3. Require member schools to monitor heat stress and modify athletic activities, including suspending or moving activities, based on the heat stress guidelines.

4. Establish hydration guidelines, including appropriate introduction of electrolytes after extended activities or when a student participates in multiple activities in a day.

5. Establish requirements for cooling zones, including, at a minimum, the immediate availability of cold-water immersion tubs or equivalent means to rapidly cool internal body temperature when a student exhibits symptoms of exertional heat stroke and the presence of an employee or volunteer trained to implement cold-water immersion.

6. Require each school's emergency action plan, as required by the FHSAA, to include a procedure for onsite cooling using cold-water immersion or equivalent means before a student is transported to a hospital for exertional heat stroke.

The requirements of this paragraph apply year round.

(b) Each athletic coach and sponsor of extracurricular activities involving outdoor practices or events shall annually complete training in exertional heat illness identification, prevention, and response, including effective administration of cooling zones.

Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

## (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS, POLICIES, OR GUIDELINES.—

(c) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that require all students participating in interscholastic athletic competition or who are candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year prior to participating in interscholastic athletic competition or engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, conditioning, or other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team, including activities that occur outside of the school year. Such medical evaluation may be administered only by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012, and in good standing with the practitioner's regulatory board. The bylaws shall establish requirements for eliciting a student's medical history and performing the medical evaluation required under this paragraph, which shall include a physical assessment of the student's physical capabilities to participate in interscholastic athletic competition as contained in a uniform preparticipation physical evaluation and history form. The evaluation form shall incorporate the recommendations of the American Heart Association for participation cardiovascular screening and shall provide a place for the signature of the practitioner performing the evaluation with an attestation that each examination procedure listed on the form was performed by the practitioner or by someone under the direct supervision of the practitioner. The form shall also contain a place for the practitioner to indicate if a referral to another practitioner was made in lieu of completion of a certain examination procedure. The form shall provide a place for the practitioner to whom the student was referred to complete the remaining sections and attest to that portion of the examination. The preparticipation physical evaluation form shall advise students to complete a cardiovascular assessment and shall include information concerning alternative cardiovascular evaluation and diagnostic tests. Results of such medical evaluation must be provided to the school. A student is not eligible to participate, as provided in s. 1006.15(3), in any interscholastic athletic competition or engage in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team until the results of the medical evaluation have been received and approved by the school.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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